

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice of the following proposed actions regarding the Estate Recovery Program under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Effective on or after October 1, 2014, SCDHHS proposes to amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan definition of cost-effectiveness in regards to the Estate Recovery Program.

Currently, SCDHHS files claims against estates with assets valued at \$10,000 or more. SCDHHS would like to increase this amount to \$25,000.00 because it has been determined that Estates with assets totaling \$25,000.00 or less are not cost-effective to pursue after all priority expenses, such as funeral, attorney fees, etc., have been paid.

Another reason for this increase is to prevent hesitation of beneficiaries applying for Community Long Term Care (CLTC) Services. Increasing the amount to \$25,000.00 will result in a small decrease in recovery, but there will be no impact to the budget.

Copies of this notice are available at each County Department of Health and Human Services Office and at www.scdhhs.gov for public review. Additional information regarding this proposed action is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments may be sent to TPL Services, SCDHHS, Post Office Box 8206, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206. Comments may also be submitted to comments@scdhhs.gov. Written and e-mailed comments must be received by August 9, 2014.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the SCDHHS, TPL Services, Jefferson Square Building, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

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